



Tips for Grandparents *who are* Raising Grandchildren in Illinois

These simple suggestions have been developed by the Task Force on Grandparents Raising Grandchildren in Illinois to assist older adult caregivers in their efforts to provide quality care for their family's children. The Task Force can be reached through the Illinois Department on Aging's toll-free Senior HelpLine, **1-800-252-8966** (Voice and TTY).

Child Care Resource Service (CCRS)

The CCRS offers the following services to parents living in Illinois:

- Professional assistance in evaluating child care needs;
- Current and detailed information on child care options; including:
 - Day care centers
 - Nursery schools
 - Head Start programs
 - Family child care homes
 - Resources for finding in-home caregivers
 - Summer programs for children
 - Before and after school programs.
- Guidelines and resource materials for selecting quality child care, including what to look for and what questions to ask;
- Child care subsidy information and administration of payment assistance for qualified families.

For subsidy information:

217-244-6188
1-800-379-7406

or

For referrals:

217-333-3252
1-800-325-5516

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